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SUBJECT: STATUS OF HARKIN AMENDMENT AND SIMILAR LEGIS-  
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1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM BUENOS AIRES REGARDING  
THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AFFECTING INTERNA-  
TIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AS OF THIS DATE THE ORIGINAL  
HARKIN AMENDMENT TO THE IDB AUTHORIZATION ACT REMAINS IN  
EFFECT. OF THE PROPOSED NEW HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENTS,  
BOTH THE HUMPHREY VERSION (WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE  
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE) AND THE REUSS-HARKIN-  
BADILLO VERSION (WHICH PASSED THE HOUSE APRIL 6) WOULD  
APPLY TO THE IDB. HOWEVER, ONLY THE HUMPHREY AMENDMENT  
WOULD REPEAL THE EXISTING HARKIN AMENDMENT, WHICH MEANS  
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THAT IF THE HOUSE VERSION BECAME LAW, THE IDB WOULD BE  
SUBJECT TO TWO HUMAN RIGHTS AMENDMENTS.

2. THE EXIMBANK IS NOT AFFECTED BY ANY OF THE ABOVE AS  
IT IS NOT AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. NEVER-  
THELESS, ON MAY 3 THE HOUSE ADOPTED THE NEAL AMENDMENT  
TO THE EXIMBANK AUTHORIZATION ACT--WHICH PROVIDES THAT

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE

GRANTING OF LOANS--AND WE ASSUME IT WILL BE ENACTED INTO  
LAW.

3. FYI. THE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND  
SENATE VERSIONS OF THE AMENDMENT AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL  
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IS THAT THE FORMER WOULD CONTINUE  
TO MANDATE "NO" VOTES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE  
LATTER WOULD SIMPLY INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE TO USE THE USG  
VOICE AND VOTE TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
THROUGH THESE INSTITUTIONS. THE HUMPHREY VERSION LAYS  
DOWN BROAD GUIDELINES FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THESE  
INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT INSTRUCTING THE EXECUTIVE HOW TO  
VOTE. THE NEAL AMENDMENT IS OF THE HUMPHREY RATHER THAN  
HARKIN VARIETY. CHRISTOPHER

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